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SUBJECT: GREEK FOREIGN OFFICE VIEWS ON CYPRUS AND NATO

CYPRUS:

- 1. ALTHOUGH WIRE SERVICES ALL CARRY REPORT THAT DEPUTY PM AND FM MAVROS "ACCEPTED" SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR 18-NATION CONFERENCE ON CYPRUS, GOG PRESS AND INFORMATION MINISTRY TOLD EMBASSY PRESS OFFICER AN HOUR AGO THAT "NO GOVERNEMTN STATEMENT HAS BEEN ISSUED OR IS BEING ISSUED". REPORT APPARENTLY ORIGINATED IN ALLEGED PERSONAL COMMENT MAVORS MADE TO NEWSMEN EARLY THIS MORNING WHERE HE ALSO INDICATED GOG WOULD REJECT BRITISH PROPOSAL FOR RETURN TO THREE-POWER GENEVA DISCUSSIONS.
- 2. METAXAS (HEAD OF MFA DIRECTORATE RESPONSIBLE FOR CYPRUS)
 HAS JUST INFORMED POLITICAL COUNSELLOR THAT GOG HAD NOT
 RESPONDED TO SOVIET PROPOSAL AND WOULD NOT DO SO FOR "THREE
 OR FOUR DAYS" AND CERTAINLY NO EARLIER THAN AUGUST 27.
 PROPOSAL WAS BEING STUDIED AND GREEK RESPONSE WOULD NOT
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BE "TOTALLY NEGATIVE". HE DECLINED TO ELABORATE FURTHER.

3. METAXAX ADDED THAT GOG POSITION ON BRITISH PROPOSAL FOR RETURN TO GENEVA THREE-POWER DISCUSSIONS WITH ARRANGEMENT FOR GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOT PARTICIPATION REMAINED NEGATIVE. HE SAID IMPOSSIBILITY OF RETURNING TO GENEVA UNDERSCORED BY CONTINUED TURKISH INTRANSIGENCE AS DISCLOSED BY LATEST BRITISH SOUNDINGS IN ANKARA, DETAILS OF WHICH HE ASSUMED UK MAKING KNOWN TO US DIRECTLY. TASCA

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